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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Reviews the Administration Report of the Police Department for the year 1937-38.

READ—

Letter No. C. 56—38-39, dated the 15th October 1938, from the Inspector-General of Police in Mysore, submitting the report on the administration of the Police Department for the year 1937-38.

ORDER No. P. 4044-56—POL. 71-38-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 25—30TH JANUARY 1939.

There was an increase in the number of cases of dacoity reported from 15 in the previous year to 20, and the number of murder cases rose from 94 to 107. In other respects, grave crime showed a downward tendency, although the seasonal conditions during the year were not favourable and the general slump in trade with the consequent unemployment continued, the most satisfactory feature being the fall in the number of robberies from 115 to 100.

2. There was a rise in the number of heinous cases from 335 to 348, the increase being mainly due to 12 cases put up under Section 124-A of the Indian Penal Code as against none in the previous year. Offences against public tranquillity rose from 65 to 135, and these were due mainly to political disturbances and communal tension in the Bangalore City and in the Bangalore, Tumkur and French-Rocks Districts. It is regrettable that in connection with two of the disturbances, one near the Intermediate College in Bangalore City on 24th October 1937

and another at Viduraswatha on the 25th April 1938, firing had to be resorted to by the Police to bring the situation under control, resulting in the latter case in the death of ten persons. The circumstances relating to the disturbance at Viduraswatha were enquired into by a special tribunal of judicial officers and the report of that body has already been published separately.

3. Towards the end of the year, a minor incident at Channapatna was the cause of strained feelings between the Hindus and Muslims in Channapatna and neighbouring taluks, and a few cases of assault and rioting ensued. But preventive measures were promptly taken and the situation was brought under control.

4. It is satisfactory to note that in spite of the heavy demands which the political and communal disturbances referred to above made on the resources of the Police, the ordinary work of the department did not suffer in any way and that on the other hand, there was some improvement in regard to the control and prevention of crime. This was in no small measure due to better recruitment, more effective supervision and the measures of improvement that have been sanctioned by Government from time to time. Out of 1,060 officers and 5,622 men, 1,060 officers and 4,201 men were literate, as against 995 officers and 3,822 men in the previous year. The percentage of illiteracy among constables was reduced from 30 to 25·2.

5. In order to keep local authorities promptly supplied with reliable information in regard to unhealthy communal and other propaganda and any unusual developments, and to ensure timely steps being taken to prevent serious situations, it was found necessary to strengthen and reorganise the intelligence service of the department. Considerable additions to the Police force were also sanctioned with a view to providing adequate reserves at important places.

6. Government note with satisfaction that the work of both officers and men continued to be satisfactory under the able guidance of Mr. F. A. Hamilton, the Inspector-General.

B. T. KESAVIENGAR,
Chief Secretary to Government.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Sanctions the appointment of a wholetime Medical Officer in the grade Rs. 500—50/2—750 for the examination of Medical Reports of the Mysore Government Insurance Department.

ORDER NO. FL. 4901-60—G. F. 224-38-1, DATED BANGALORE, THE 27TH JANUARY 1939.

At present, the Senior Surgeon is the Chief Medical Officer for the Mysore Government Insurance Department, and the reports of the Medical Officers received by the Insurance Department in connection with proposals for insurance are examined by him before acceptance. Fees are paid to him for this work, in accordance with the scale fixed in Government Order No. Fl. 5571-2—G. F. 32-16-9, dated the 23rd March 1917 and No. Fl. 2354-6—G. F. 26-21-2, dated 19th October 1921. This arrangement was found convenient in the initial stages when the number of cases was not large, as the appointment of a wholetime Medical Officer would have been very costly.

2. The number of proposals dealt with by the Public Branch of the Insurance Department has considerably increased during the last ten years. The number of policies issued in the Public Branch in 1920-21 was only 228 but in 1937-38 it was 5,786. Further increase is anticipated in the coming years. Consequent on the increase in the number of cases, the present arrangement of entrusting the work to the Senior Surgeon (who is a touring officer) in addition to his own duties which are growing in volume is found to require modification.

3. In 1920-21, the number of hospitals and dispensaries in the State was 189, but by 1937-38 the number had increased to 291. The present arrangement is thus a very unsatisfactory one, necessarily affecting the quality of the work in both the Medical and Insurance Departments and its expeditious disposal.